

# H. H. Mills & Son,

Here are some **SPECIAL PRICES** to make to the Carpet purchasing public commencing

## Saturday Morning

and to continue the following week, that will convince you if you need anything in the Carpet or Drapery line now and here is the time and place to buy.

### Here Are a Few of the Specials:

25 pieces, Best 5-frame Body Brussels, Regular \$1.25 quality, for

**\$1.07½ a yard.**

20 pieces Best Tapestry Brussels, Regular 75 and 90 cent Brussels, for

**62½c a yard.**

57-inch 3½ yard Lace Curtain, Regular \$2.50 Curtains, for

**\$1.45 a pair.**

Numberless other styles at proportionately low prices.

**H. H. MILLS & SON,**  
625 KANSAS AVENUE.

### WORKED THE SANTA FE

Amusing Story of Hustling Jim's Plug Mare

#### WHICH SECURED HIM A TRIP

To the Pacific Coast and a Special Car for a \$5 Horse—Railroad Matters of Interest.

The Santa Fe railway has been the victim of one of the cleverest tricks in the memory of the oldest inhabitants of the general offices here. The amount involved is not large, only \$120, but the nature of the plot and the cleverness of its execution makes it most remarkable.

"Hustling Jim" Rainey is a jockey whose home is in California. He went to Frankfort, Ind., and played the races with the result that he had not as much worldly goods left as a rabbit. His wealth consisted of his spurs, a cork-screw—and a bay mare. Now Rainey was very anxious to get back to California. He was too proud to bum his way and too tired to walk. Nothing short of an inspiration would get him out of his dilemma. The inspiration came, and a great, wonderful inspiration it was. He went to the nearest freight office and inquired the cost of shipping a \$2,000 pacing horse to Los Angeles. The agent replied that the company would not handle the horse on those terms; that it must go as an ordinary, \$100 horse. The charges would be \$79.

"Hustling Jim" protested that his mare was an extra fine animal and must have a car all to herself. He agreed to ship the horse on the company's terms, provided the car was half filled with straw. The next day the horse was walked down to the train. "Hustling Jim" had made an artistic job in dressing up his old plug as a fancy pacer. He clipped her neck of the long, straggling hair. Her legs were likewise treated and bandaged to conceal the knobs that stood out like carbuncles. Red, white and blue ribbons were plaited carefully in the mane and tail of the animal, and over the whole a blanket was put that concealed nearly all of the old plug except the ears and eyes. The general appearance of the animal would have done credit to Nancy Hanks or Ed Bennett's Importer. Mr. Rainey accompanied the horse in the car on the ground that so valuable an animal could not go unattended and unguarded. His fare, \$83.88, he said, would be paid "at the other end."

Los Angeles was reached in due time. "Hustling Jim" left the car and took the blanket and ribbons with him. Jim explained to the officials that as it was late and there was little help around he would come around after the animal "tomorrow." Tomorrow and Jim were alike—they never came. The conductor was struck with the sorry appearance of the horse and asked Jim before he disappeared:

"What kind of an old plug is that you've got there?"

"Plug nothing," sneered Jim, "that's one of the finest paces on the turf, and will clean out anything on the coast." When it became evident that Jim had accomplished his trick, and would never appear, the Santa Fe officials took the pacer and put her in a livery stable where she still remains and is a sight to behold. Freight Agent Chambers says that the most optimistic view could not raise her value over \$5, and it is really difficult to see how even that much can ever be realized on her.

The horse is said to be sprained, founedered, knock-kneed, swayback, deaf, dumb and blind, as well as suffering from pink-eye, ringbone, distemper, blind laggings and several other ailments the doctors don't know the names of.

General Auditor H. C. Whitehead of the Southern California railway writes to General Manager Frey: "Five dollars is an exorbitant price for the horse. I doubt if anyone would buy her for two bits. It is the cleverest trick ever played on the railroad company to my knowledge."

In the meantime the agent at Los Angeles is compelled to advertise the plug thirty days before it can be sold and the advertising bill will amount to the worth of several such animals. And the horse is reported to be "eating its head off" at the expense of the agent. Auditor Whitehead is trying to have the horse sold at once as "perishable goods."

The "Hustling Jim" case has provoked a pile of correspondence between the officers of the Santa Fe and auxiliary lines as long as the testimony in the Decker, Mullins & Berry case, and everybody looks on it as one of the best jokes of the fiscal year.

#### SAVING THE TRACKS.

The Work of Dodging the Missouri River at A. Chilson.

General Manager Frey, Chief Engineer Dunn, Superintendent McLeelland and General Roadmaster Parker, of the Santa Fe, returned from Atchison last evening. They had been over there in conference with General Manager Brown of the Hannibal, and P. J. Kimball of the Rock Island, in reference to the encroachments of the Missouri river at East Atchison on the railroad property. The work of stopping the cutting of the river was suspended several days on account of the depletion of the fund made up by these three roads and the Burlington. It will now be resumed as a new fund has been secured and the work will be finished at whatever cost. The tracks will not be moved as recently proposed.

The town of East Atchison was in danger of being washed away, and nearly every male inhabitant of the place has given his services free.

The work is being done under the direction of David Neal of this city. It is not the common rock ripping which was tried and failed, but consists in wearing brush together into a mattress and anchoring it against the affected part of the river bank. The mud and sand then washes into it and make it an immovable part of the bank. The Santa Fe people think the idea is a good one, and will follow it to the end.

E. W. Dauchey, the Rock Island superintendent of maintenance and construction, has returned from his Colorado trip.

The Missouri Pacific pay car made its monthly trip through Topeka this morning.

#### BILLS IS A SMART HORSE.

He Can Turn on the Water When He Wants a Drink.

"Old Bill" is a horse and earns his daily oats in the capacity of car mover at the transfer table at the Santa Fe shops.

Still he is a very satisfactory employe. He never grumbles and he never strikes. Perhaps it's because his hours are never shortened. As a means of transportation also is Bill a model. A coal strike never interferes with his work and he has never yet been known to burst a fume nor have a hot box. And there is still another interesting feature about Bill, he knows when he is thirsty and also knows how to get a drink without the puny aid of man.

Water doesn't stand around in tubs at the Santa Fe shops but Bill's ingenuity has not failed him up to date. In the transfer engine house is a hydrant and beneath it is a marble wash basin. The hydrant has a faucet combination and our equine friend is onto it.

As the door is always open, entrance to the engine room is easy, and once in Bill knows just how far to turn the faucet to make the water come. As this happens several times a day the men sometimes have a little sport with the old horse by leaving the plug out of the basin and letting the water run through. It has not been recorded, however, that Bill has ever remembered to shut off the water when he is through. It is said, though, that he has been known to wipe his whiskers on the engine room towel.

#### MORE SANTA FE GENEROSITY.

Gives George Sanderson a Check for Two Thousand Dollars.

There is extant a popular opinion that corporations have no souls, but such is not always the case, especially when the corporation is controlled by large-hearted, big-brained, generous men, with lots of the milk of human kindness in their composition. The Santa Fe railroad is just such a corporation and General Solicitor George R. Peck and General Claim Agent C. M. Foulks are just such men. Some time ago George Sanderson, while acting as night watchman at the Winfield yards, was knocked off a coal car by a fellow whom he was attempting to prevent from stealing coal. Sanderson fell between the cars and had one foot crushed and the other mangled badly. His foot had to be amputated and he is just able to be about, crippled for life. Agent Nevins of Winfield, took the matter up with Claim Agent Foulks, who investigated it and found that while the company had no legal liability, yet Sanderson had been a faithful and efficient employe and had received his injuries while trying to protect the property of the company. These facts were presented to Mr. George R. Peck, and Thursday Sanderson received from Claim Agent Foulks a splendid testimonial of the generosity and sympathy of the company in the shape of a check for \$2,000.

#### SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Some News Notes of Personal and General Interest.

A musical organization known as the "Jug Club" has been formed by members of the Santa Fe shops. Its members are Ed McCormer, M. Ward, J. Perkins, Jess Dixon, C. Kirkpatrick, Wm. Volt, Wm. Robler and Frank Sawyer. The boys play on common jug-tuned with water and accompanied by a guitar, a mandolin and a French harp. Some of their selections are really good.

The ball games between the Santa Fe Capital City and the Topeka Athletics that were dated for next Saturday and Sunday have been dropped off.

It is hereby announced that the Capital City base ball club of the Santa Fe machine shops desires to meet on the diamond either the "Farmer's Prizes" or the "Governor's Pets" of the state house on any terms or date that can be satisfactorily arranged. Full information can be secured by addressing the club in care of the railroad Y. M. C. A., corner of Fourth and Adams streets.

The ladies' auxiliaries of the O. R. C. and the B. L. E. held regular meetings at their halls yesterday afternoon.

Roadmaster J. D. Sullivan of the Rock Island at Horton was in the city yesterday.

#### THE KANSAS MUTUAL.

Some Details of the Recent Official Examination.

Recent official examination of the Kansas Mutual Life association appear to have been a most thorough one resulting in the most positive statements of the examiners that the company is in a splendid condition.

State Superintendent of Insurance Suidner, invited by President Davis to make the examination. The superintendent called to his assistance D. R. White, an experienced insurance attorney, and Good and Fellows, accountants, Chicago, New York and London.

In his report Superintendent Suidner said:

"The most satisfactory result to me in this whole examination, is the manifest conclusion that this institution, the only one of its kind in the state, whose business interests and relations extend, and are being advanced throughout its borders as well as into the contiguous territory, states, and waters, policy holders and members are numbered by thousands, is beyond a question in a condition of absolute solvency, from every standpoint, and is the actual owner and possessor of a surplus of available assets exceeding its present liability by a ratio of \$1.55 to each \$1.00; and this, too, on the highest basis of solvency known under the insurance laws of this or any other state of the Union, namely, the actuaries or combined experience table, with 4 per cent interest."

"Those interested may be assured that this conclusion is absolutely accurate and trustworthy."

Attorney Hite in the course of a comprehensive report says concerning some charges made against the company: "I wish to say that the result of an examination which I believe unusual in its severity establishes the fact that the Kansas Mutual Life is in splendid condition."

**Coxeyism** is the direct result of the panic. Innumerable failures, great losses of money, etc., are also the result of hard times—a Chicago firm, and one of the best, have lost thousands of dollars, they've got enough, they are going to quit, they have divided their stock among different retailers to sell at any price, they want the cash. Citizens of Topeka, here's your chance to procure fine tailor make clothing at your own price—no reasonable offer refused—all the late novelties. The Bell, the Regent, Westminster, etc. in clothing. Bring your money, cash is what they want and you'll get the greatest bargains you ever had in your life.

H. C. HART, Agent for Chicago consignees. Sale commences Saturday morning, May 19th, at Steinberg Clothing Co., 606 and 608 Kansas avenue, who are appointed sole sales agents for Topeka.

# Stevenson & Co.

No. 717 AND NO. 719 KANSAS AVE.

## SOMETHING FOR YOU TO LOOK AT TOMORROW—

We are going to sell tomorrow 100 Gloria Silk Umbrellas, with natural wood handles, our \$1.50 quality, for **\$1.00** each. See if you can match them for the money.

Gent's 4-ply Cuffs will be sold tomorrow for **12½** cents pair. Supply yourself for the summer.

Here is a Bargain—10 Doz. Kid Gloves, in odd sizes, worth \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75; will close them out for **57c** pair. See if we have your size.

Gent's Silk 4-in-hand Ties **15c** and Silk Teck Ties **10c**.

Children's Swiss Ribbed Vest, our regular 30c quality, tomorrow **15c** will buy them.

Here is another one for the children: Black Silk Mitts only **13c** pair.

Boy's Percal Shirt Waists, our 25c quality, will be sold tomorrow for **19c**.

Gent's Outing Shirts only **25c** each.

Ladies' and Children's Jersey Ribbed Vests only **5** cents each.

## DOMESTICS.

One case of fine Outing Cloths worth 10c, our price tomorrow will be **6½c** yd.

One case of Dark Satine, fast black colors, beautiful styles, only **10c**.

One case of fine Dress Gingham, our regular 12½c Gingham, **10c** will buy them tomorrow.

One case of Amoskeag Apron Gingham—the best Apron Check made for **5c**.

25 dozen all Linen Huck Towels, very cheap, at 12½ cents, **9c** will buy them tomorrow.

16-inch all Linen Crash, well worth 8½c, our price now **6½c** yd.

Our Cotton Pongees that we have been selling for 12½c will be sold tomorrow for **8c**.

## DRESS GOODS.

40-inches Novelty Suiting, all wool for **50c**.

40-inch Novelty Suiting, silk and wool for **59c**.

# STEVENSON & CO.

Dry Goods, Carpets and Millinery.

#### TALKING FOR A BLUFF.

Judge Cheshire Says That All the Democrats are Doing.

"Jeff Hudson need not think he has the Democrats of the Third district by their noses," said Judge R. W. Cheshire of Columbus. Cheshire was the "straight-out" Democratic candidate for congress in the Third district two years ago.

"Of course," he continued, "Hudson will be renominated by the Populists but he will meet with Democratic opposition. There are two candidates for the Democratic nomination—Ben Galskill, ex-county attorney of Crawford county, and W. F. Sapp of Cherokee county, and there will be a Democratic ticket in the field. Hudson will get the support of that class of Democrats, however, who are 60 per cent Populists and 40 per cent Democrats. I do not think there will be fusion."

"The Republicans will nominate Kirkpatrick by acclamation at their convention next Wednesday."

"To tell the truth," continued the judge in a burst of frankness, "I don't see how Hudson or whoever is nominated by the Populists can be beaten, but we have to talk Democracy to keep the party from becoming only ancient history and that is what I am doing."

**Postponed.**

The entertainment of Capital Legion No. 1, S. R. A. O. U. W., announced for Friday evening, has been postponed until June 8th. The tickets bought for this week's entertainment will be good June 8th.

J. B. HENKEN, Chairman Executive Committee.

**Notice.**

All negatives made at the photograph gallery at 115 East Fifth street will be found at Mann's gallery, 905 North Kansas avenue, where duplicate orders will be filled at any time.

C. G. WILLETT.

Great consignment sale, Saturday, May 19th. \$18 suits for \$7.95; \$15 suits for \$5.95; at 606 and 608 Kansas ave.

If dull spiritless and stupid: If your blood is thick and sluggish: If your appetite is capricious and uncertain. You need a Sarsaparilla. For best results take De Witt's. It recommends itself. J. K. Jones.

**Gets a Roll.**

Nice white blank wall paper at Beckstrom's, 518 Jackson St.

Read the "Wants." Many of them are as interesting as news items. See if it is not so.

Shirts mended by the Peerless.

**Perless.**

Perless Put on new neckbands on shirts.

Perless Laundry, 112 and 114 West Eighth street.

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#### SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Little Willie's gone to heaven. Found this morn'g still and dead. Little Willie, age seven.

Froze to death, the doctor said. In this we can find a lesson. You and I may profit. Never don your summer clothing 'Till the middle of July.

D. C. Tillotson will talk at Winchester on Memorial day.

C. A. Reece is rebuilding his house at 426 Madison street.

The Kansas National Guard will begin target practice June 1.

No doubt Sanders' Coxeyites have camp fires burning today.

The commencement exercises at Botham college begin June 6.

James Pike of the Oberlin land office was in the city last evening.

A Topeka woman of forty looks younger than her daughter of twenty.

G. W. Credit of Quocemo, a farmer, is a new Populist candidate for secretary of state.

The freshman class of Washburn college will picnic at Garfield park tomorrow afternoon.

Charley Foster, the "walking encyclopedia," has returned to Topeka from New England.

Miss Yaw may sing at Hutchinson. Her agent is there trying to sell enough seats in advance.

Jim Finnie, champion light weight of Kansas, is arranging for a fight with a Nebraska man.

Jerry Simpson's private secretary says Jerry expects to carry the seventh district again this fall.

There is said to be a ghostly light in the Topeka cemetery that nobody can get within fifty feet of.

According to the present plans the new woolen mill building will be completed some time in July.

Three wagons bound for Oklahoma passed through the city today. Two of them were driven by women.

W. M. Glenn of Greeley county, one of the members of the last legislature is in the city. He is a Republican.

There was as much shouting at the Sanders meeting last night as there ever was at a Methodist camp meeting.

Aaron Jetmore, J. G. Wood and P. H. Coney, addressed a meeting of colored Republicans in Parkdale last night.

General Sanders told a street car conductor as he paid his fare last night, "It isn't often I pay my way on the cars."

The Kansas Woman's Republican association will meet in session in this city June 5. Mrs. J. Ellen Foster will speak.

The homeliest thing on earth has been discovered. It is the new work basket the men are wearing on their heads for a hat.

Bing bang! Boomerang!!! Coxeyites!!! was the yell that the Home Guard emitted as it moved toward City park last evening.

Medical students meet once a week to study botany with Dr. Eva Harding, and Hahnemann's organon with Dr. C. F. Menninger.

Is there any room for comment in the fact that Lion Balie Waggener and Lion J. G. Waters were out riding together at Atchison Wednesday.

It is difficult to find Assistant Attorney

General George W. Clark when he is not posing over a law book. Who was it said "associate justice?"

Our J. Frank Jarrell is much more docile since he bumped up against the supreme scorn of Judge Ed Wagener at Leavenworth the other day.

Adjutant General Davis has issued a general order commanding the members of the Kansas National Guard to assist in the observance of Memorial day.

Topeka has a young lady who is willing to head the Topeka contingent of the Coxey army as goddess of liberty in their triumphant entry into Washington.

Mrs. E. F. Brown, county superintendent of Seward county, has been appointed a delegate to the national board of charities meeting at Nashville, May 23.

Miss Helen R. Ingalls will give an instrumental recital Monday evening to the members of the Washburn club. Selections from "Greig" will be rendered.

The drum that the Home Guard carried in the "triumphal march" to the City park last evening, was rather badly demoralized. The drummer seemed tired, too.

The patrol wagon was called to North Topeka four times yesterday to haul an epileptic off the street. Each time he would recover just before the wagon arrived.

As the patrol wagon was flying down Kansas avenue yesterday, a farmer's horse became unmanageable and ran into it. The patrol wagon escaped with a few scratches.

W. A. S. Bird was the only Topeka man who got an office at the grand lodge election of the Knights of Pythias at Leavenworth yesterday. He is now the grand inner guard.

A gentleman who visited the site of the Santa Fe hospital yesterday found twenty-three men at work on the excavation and forty-seven loafers looking on and making suggestions.

Deputy Marshal T. C. Shillinglaw, the man who arrested Teter Wednesday evening, thrust a racket drill into the prisoner's face. Teter thought it was a revolver. "Doc" Fowkes was armed with a pair of scissors.

Noble L. Prentiss, well known in Topeka, has a new lecture which he calls, "Art for the Artless." He delivered it at Emporia Wednesday evening to the members of the Art school at the home of J. M. Griffith in that city.

Receiver Byron Roberts of the Hutchinson & Southern, has been down looking at the road this week. The Hutchinson & Southern is a funny little road, on which some of the passenger cars are minus windows and where the conductor sweeps out the coaches.

**Notice.**

To the officers and members of Lincoln Post, No. 1, Department of Kansas, G. A. R.:

General orders from National Department headquarters will be read at our next regular meeting, Saturday evening, May 19, 1894. A full attendance is desired and expected.

W. W. DENISON, Adjutant.

No reasonable offer refused for anything in the house. \$10,000 worth of new clothing direct from the manufacturer—must sell, need the cash—sale is for short time only. Sale commences Saturday, May 19th.

606 and 608 KANSAS AVE.